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- 1. The Chief of Education and Culture in the People's Republic of Macedonia was a certain Krsta Cvenkovski, who was also a member of the Central Committee of the Micedonian Communist Party.
- 2. The student body at Skoplje University numbered approximately 2,800 persons. The University of Skoplje comprised the following schools:
  - a. Medical School, which offered a five-year course.
  - Technical School, with a five-year course. There were two separate divisions in the Technical School:
    - 1) Building Construction division
    - 2) Architectural division
  - c. School of Agriculture and Forestry, with a four year course.
  - d. School of Philosophy, which offered a four year course.
- 3. In May 1951 Kiro Milevski was Director of the School of Thilosophy. The student body comprised approximately 500 persons and classes were held in the prewer National Library Building in Skoplje. A building to house the School of Philosophy was under construction at Gazi Baba.
- 4. Dimce Toshev was head of the Chemistry School in the School of Philosophy. The Chemistry School was housed in the former elementary school on Brada Miladinovic Street in Skoplje. First year students took the following courses:
  - a. Chemistry, given by Dimce Toshev
  - b. Physics, taught by Josip Moser

  - c. Mathematics, given by Blagoe Popov d. Pre-illitary Instruction, taught by a certain Captain Mijatovic

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- 5. The majority of the students at the University of Skoplje had scholarships. Students received between 2,000 to 3,000 dinars per month for room, board and expenses. Students who had military scholarships<sup>2</sup> were given 3,000 to 4,500 dinars per month for room, board and personal expenses.
- The student mess was located at 9 Eighteenth Street in Skoplje. Cost of
  mess for each student was 1,200 dinars per month. Lodging in the University dormitory amounted to 200 dinars per month for each student.
- 7. Construction of three 4-story dormitories was underway at Gazi Babi. Each building, when completed, would be 50 x 10 meters, and the three dormitories together are planned to house 900 students.
- 8. All students at Skoplje University had to join the Studenski Sojuz (Student Federation). Dues were 10 dinars per year.
- 9. There were only a few Communists at Skoplje University. Only five of the students in the Chemistry School were members of the Communist Party.

  Informant is of the opinion that approximately 80 per cent of the students at Skoplje University are adherents of the IMRO.<sup>3</sup>
- 10. The Secondary Technical School in Skoplje was composed of the following divisions:
  - a. Construction division
  - b. Architectural division
  - c. Mining division
  - d. Electro-Technical division
  - e. Textile division
  - f. Chemistry division
  - g. Forestry division
  - h. Geodetics division
  - i. Machinist division
- 11. A certain Mishev was Director of the Secondary Technical School in Skoplje.

  A four year course was offered at this school. In early 1951 approximately 1,200 students were envolled in the Secondary Technical School. The majority of students had scholarships and each one of them received 1,700 to 3,500 dinars a month for room, board and other expenses.

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The students take courses in mathematics, chemistry, et cetera in order to prepare themselves for teaching.

25X1A Comment: Military authorities grant scholarships to train technicians. In some cases, students are sent to universities for training and in other cases, they are sent to factories for a period of apprenticeship. In either case, after completion of the training period, the student is required to serve for several years with the military, either in a military unit or in a military industrial enterprise.

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